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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: UN REPORTS ON IRAQ

¶1. SUMMARY: ALL MEDIA PROMINENTLY HIGHLIGHTED THE CONTENTS OF THE UNMOVIC AND IAEA REPORTS ON IRAQ. EDITORIALS IN THE ARABIC PRESS LAUDED EUROPEAN OPPOSITION TO A WAR AGAINST IRAQ, DESCRIBING FRENCH AND GERMAN OPPOSITION AS A STUMBLING BLOCK TO

AMERICA'S THIRST FOR WAR. ANOTHER EDITORIAL CLAIMED THAT WASHINGTON SEES ONLY THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF THE UN REPORT TO USE THEM AS A JUSTIFICATION FOR A WAR ON IRAQ. END SUMMARY.

¶2. COMMENTING ON THE UNMOVIC AND IAEA REPORTS, DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED DAILY "AL-BAYAN" ON 1/28 EDITORIALIZED:

"THE ENTIRE WORLD, EXCEPT FOR THE U.S., BRITAIN AND ISRAEL, REJECT THE OPTION OF WAR BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS A CATASTROPHE WHOSE CONSEQUENCES MAY EXTEND BEYOND THE REGION ... HOWEVER, THE EUROPEAN UNION REFUSES TO SURRENDER TO THE AMERICAN-BRITISH WILL (TO GO TO WAR) ... SO FAR, ALL SIGNALS INDICATE THAT FRANCE AND GERMANY REPRESENT A STUMBLING BLOCK FOR AN AMERICAN-BRITISH THIRST FOR WAR. THE VOICE OF WISDOM SHOULD URGE US TO ALLOW THE UN INSPECTORS MORE TIME TO FINISH THEIR JOB ..."

¶3. UNDER THE HEADLINE "TIME IS NOT LOST FOR A SOLUTION", ABU DHABI-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AKHBAR AL-ARAB" ON 1/28 EDITORIALIZED:

"... IRAQ REQUIRES MORE TIME TO MAKE ESSENTIAL CHANGES IN ITS SYSTEM, IDEOLOGIES, AND BEHAVIOR. IT ALSO NEEDS MORE TIME ... TO TALK TO ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND OTHER FORCES THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING A NEW DEMOCRATIC IRAQ ... HOWEVER, IF IRAQ STRONGLY REJECTS A POLITICAL SOLUTION, THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAS THE PROPER TOOLS TO COMPEL THE IRAQI REGIME TO ACCEPT PEACEFUL INITIATIVES."

¶4. CRITICIZING THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S INTERPRETATION OF THE UNMOVIC AND IAEA REPORTS, PAN-ARAB SHARJAH-BASED DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED ON 1/29:

"IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE U.S. HAS CHOSEN TO USE ONLY THE NEGATIVE PARTS OF THE UN REPORTS IN ITS ACCUSATION OF IRAQ'S NON-COMPLIANCE ... THE AMERICAN POSITION REGARDING THE UN REPORTS RESEMBLES ITS PREVIOUS POSITIONS. IN FACT, WASHINGTON USES THE NEGATIVE CONTENT IN THE REPORT AS A JUSTIFICATION TO ATTRACT OTHER NATIONS TO OPT FOR WAR, CLAIMING THAT IRAQ'S WMD CAN ONLY BE ELIMINATED BY FORCE ..."

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